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SUMMARY: AMERICAN PRISONERS AMSTER, BRAWER AND BURN TOLD CONSOFF DURING

NOVEMBER 26 CONSULAR MEETING THAT THEY ARE IN PRISON FOR FOREIGNERS ABOUT 25 KM FROM POTMA AND THAT CONDITIONS THERE ARE VERY DIFFICULT. PRISONERS' COMPLAINTS CENTERED ON THE CAMP DIET AND PERCEIVED HOSTILITY

OF OTHER INMATES TOWARD THEM. EACH OF THE PRISONERS REQUESTED THAT THEIR FAMILIES AND EMBASSY APPEAL TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES OF THEIR RELEASE. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE CONCERN

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ING APPROPRIATENESS OF OFFICIAL USG ENDORSEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE APPEALS BY PRISONER'S FAMILIES. PRESS GUIDANCE RE RELEASE OF DETAILS FROM CONSULAR MEETING AND USG ATTITUDE TOWARD PARDON REQUESTS BY FAMILIES IN REQUESTED. END SUMMARY END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: 1. DURING CONSULAR MEETING IN MOSCOW NOV 26, PRISONERS HAD THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF CAMP LIFE:

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A. LOCATION AND PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT OF CAMP - AMSTER TOLD CONSOFF THAT

THEY ARE LOCATED IN A CAMP APPROXIMATELY 25 KILOMETERS FROM POTMA. THEY

TRAIN WHICH BROUGHT THEM FROM CAMP TO MOSCOW STOPPED IN POTMA OVERNIGHT AND REACHED MOSCOW ONLY AFTER A JOURNEY LASTING FROM NOON ON NOVEMBER 24 TO MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER 25. BRAWER AND BURN DESCRIBED THE CAMP AS LOOKING LIKE A "CONCENTRATION CAMP" SURROUNDED BY SEVERAL BARBED WIRE FENCES AND OVERLOOKED BY NUMEROUS MACHINE GUN TOWERS.

B. HOUSING AND OTHER INMATES - THE AMERICAN PRISONERS LIVE IN A ONE-STORY MASONRY BUILDING TOGETHER WITH TWENTY-SEVEN OTHER INMATES. TOILET FACILITIES ARE OUTDOORS. ALTHOUGH PRISONERS COMPLAINED OF COLD TEMPERATURES AND SNOW IN THE CAMP, THEY AGREED THAT THEIR DORMITORY AND THE FACTORY WHERE THEY WORK ARE ADEQUATELY HEATED. THE OTHER INMATES OF THE CAMP APPEAR TO BE THE PRIMARY WORRY OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS. ACCORDING TO AMSTER, THE ONLY OTHER WESTERNERS IN THE CAMP ARE THREE BRITISH, ONE AUSTRALIAN AND ONE SWISS WHO WERE ALSO CONVICTED ON DRUG CHARGES. THE OTHER PRISONERS INCLUDE KOREANS, CHINESE, AND CITIZENS OF SEVERAL MIDDLE-EAST AND ASIAN COUNTRIES. BRAWER STATED THAT MANY OF THESE PRISONERS ARE MURDERERS OF OTHER VIOLENT CRIMINALS SERVING LONG TERM SENTENCES. NORTH KOREANS ARE PARTICULARLY HOSTILE TO AMERICANS AND BRAWER AND AMSTER MENTIONED ONE KOREAN WHO CLAIMS THAT HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED BY AMERICANS IN THE KOREAN WAR. WHENEVER HE SEES THE AMERICAN PRISONERS, THIS KOREAN REPORTEDLY MAKES HAND MOTIONS AND NOISES AS IF HE WERE MACHINE-GUNNING THE AMERICANS. NONE OF THE PRISONERS COMPLAINED OF BEING PHYSICALLY ATTACKED OR MOLESTED BY OTHER PRISONERS BUT THE PROXIMITY AND HOSTILITY OF THIRD-COUNTRY INMATES APPEARED TO BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY DIFFICULT FOR ALL THREE AMERICANS.

C. TRAVEL PROBLEMS - PRISONERS DESCRIBED TRAVEL BY TRAIN BETWEEN CAMP AND MOSCOW AS VERY DIFFICULT. THEY RODE IN A CLOSET-LIKE CABIN WITH THREE WOODEN SLAT BUNKS STACKED ABOVE EACH OTHER. PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY BRAWER, STATED THAT GUARDS ON TRAIN HAD SHOVED AND CURSED PRISONERS TO MAKE THEM MOVE FASTER AND HAD SEVERELY BEATEN A RUSSIAN PRISONER. BRAWER COMPLAINED OF HAVING BEEN KICKED AND PUNCHED ON TRAIN BUT THIS ALLEGATION WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT SUPPORTED BY BURN AND AMSTER.

D. WORK - AS REPORTED REFTTEL, PRISONERS ARE WORKING IN A FURNITURE FACTORY MAKING SMALL TABLES. THEIR SPECIFIC TASKS ARE TO COVER UP ANY CRACKS IN THE TABLES WITH PUTTY AND TO SAND THE TABLES PRIOR TO PAINTING. ALL THREE PRISONERS AGREED THAT THE WORK WAS NOT PHYSICALLY DIFFICULT EXCEPT WHEN DELIVERY TRUCKS CARRYING WOOD AND OTHER MATERIALS MUST BE UNLOADED. BURN DID, HOWEVER, COMPLAIN THAT HIS

SINUS CONDITION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY INHALATION OF SAWDUST FROM THE SANDING. AMSTER HAS ASKED TO BE EXCUSED FROM UNLOADING SUPPLY TRUCKS TO AVOID AGGRAVATION OF A CHILDHOOD INJURY WHICH RESULTED IN A PUNCTURED LUNG AND REMOVAL OF THREE RIBS.

FURNITURE FACTORY WHERE PRISONERS WORK HAS DAY SHIFT FROM APPROXIMATELY 7:45 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND NIGHT SHIFT FROM 5 P.M. TO 1 A.M., WITH PRISONERS CHANGING FROM DAY TO NIGHT SHIFTS AND BACK AT ONE WEEK INTERVALS. ACCORDING TO PRISONERS, THE FACTORY HAS RECENTLY GONE TO SEVEN-DAYS-A-WEEK OPERATIONS WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JANUARY 1. PRISONERS ARE PAID 50-60 RUBLES PER MONTH, HALF OF WHICH GOES TO THE STATE AS A TAX. SIX RUBLES IN WORK CERTIFICATES ARE DEPOSITED EACH MONTH IN AN ACCOUNT FOR EACH PRISONER AT A STORE LOCATED IN THE CAMP WHILE THE REST ARE REPORTEDLY PLACED IN A BANK ACCOUNT MAINTAINED FOR EACH PRISONER. AMERICAN PRISONERS TOLD CONSOFF THAT WORK CERTIFICATES ARE APPARENTLY DEPOSITED IN THE CAMP STORE ACCOUNT ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH. SINCE THEY ARRIVED IN LATE OCTOBER, BURN, BRAWER AND AMSTER HAD EARNED VERY FEW WORK CERTIFICATES BY NOVEMBER 1 SO THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE PURCHASES FROM THE STORE. THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT, AFTER A FULL MONTH'S WORK, THE FULL SIX RUBLES WORTH OF CERTIFICATES WILL BE DEPOSITED DECEMBER 1 ENABLING THEM TO MAKE GREATER USE OF THE STORE. CONSOFF BROUGHT RUBLES FOR EACH PRISONERS BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO TRANSMIT CASH TO THEM.

E. FOOD - ALL THREE PRISONERS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF FOOD IN THE CAMP. THE ONLY ITEMS IN PLENTIFUL SUPPLY ARE BLACK BREAD (WHICH NONE OF THE PRISONERS LIKES) AND KASHA, WHILE MEAT IS SCARCE AND FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE NON-EXISTENT. AMSTER TOLD CONSOFF THAT BREAKFAST USUALLY CONSISTS OF A THIN FISH SOUP OR KASHA. AFTERNOON MEAL CONSISTS OF POTATOE SOUP WITH A "BITE" SIZE PIECE OF FAT OR MEAT AND KASHA OR MACARONI. EVENING MEAL ALSO FEATURES KASHA AND A SMALL PIECE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEAT OR FISH EVERY OTHER NIGHT. EACH PRISONER RECEIVES 200 GRAMS OF SUGAR EVERY 10 DAYS.

MOST PRISONERS SUPPLEMENT PRISON DIET WITH PURCHASES FROM THE STORE INCLUDING WHITE BREAD WHICH THE AMERICANS UNANIMOUSLY PREFER. DESPITE THEIR OWN LACK OF CREDIT AT THE STORE, AMERICAN PRISONERS DID RECEIVE SOME ITEMS WHICH CAME AS GIFTS OR IN TRADES FROM OTHER PRISONERS. CONSOFF BROUGHT EACH PRISONER A BAG OF FOOD ITEMS FROM EMBASSY COMMISSARY AS WELL AS A PLATE OF TURKEY AND DRESSING FROM THANKSGIVING DINNER. EACH AMERICAN ALSO RECEIVED THREE CARTONS OF AMERICAN CIGARETTES WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRISONERS, WILL BE USEFUL IN TRADING FOR AN IMPROVED DIET.

F. CLOTHING AND MEDICAL CARE - PRISONERS WERE TOLD TO WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES FOR CONSULAR MEETING BUT NORMALLY WEAR UNIFORMS FURNISHED BY CAMP. ALL THREE PRISONERS HAVE RECEIVED HEAVY WINTER

COATS AND BOOTS BUT BURN AND AMSTER HAVE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN WINTER CAPS BECAUSE THE CAMP REPORTEDLY LACKED CAPS IN THEIR SIZE. CONSOFF AND PRISONERS REQUESTED THAT MVD OFFICIALS PRESENT AT MEETING LOCATE CAPS, WHICH THEY AGREED TO DO PRIOR TO PRISONERS' RETURN TO CAMP. ALL THREE PRISONERS WERE GIVEN VERY CLOSE HAIRCUTS ON DAY OF THEIR ARRIVAL AT CAMP.

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ALL THREE PRISONERS COMPLAINED OF MINOR AILMENTS (DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS BELOW) WHICH ARE NORMALLY TREATED BY USING MEDICINES PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR WHO PERIODICALLY (EVERY TWO WEEKS ACCORDING TO BRAWER) VISITS THEIR AREA OF CAMP TO RECEIVE SICK PRISONERS. AMSTER SAID THAT TREATMENT IS OFTEN CURSORY BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS DESIRING TO SEE THE DOCTOR. AMSTER TOLD CONSOFF THAT, WHILE

IN MOSCOW FOR CONSULAR VISIT, HE HAD VISITED DENTIST WHO HAD APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY TREATED HIS DENTAL PROBLEM.

G. CAMP ADMINISTRATION - ALTHOUGH THEIR COMMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY PRESENCE OF TWO UNIFORMED MVD OFFICERS AND AN INTERPRETER, NONE OF THE PRISONERS WAS CRITICAL OF THE CAMP ADMINISTRATION. IN FACT, THEY AGREED THAT THE CAMP ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSIST AMERICANS AND THAT THEY HAD NEVER BEEN MISTREATED BY THE GUARDS, FACTORY SUPERVISORS OR OTHER OFFICIAL SOVIETS. IN FACT, BRAWER AND BURN TOLD CONSOFF THAT OFFICIALS OF CAMP ADMINISTRATION HAD EXPRESSED DESIRE TO AUTHORIZE AMERICANS IMPROVED DIET RESERVED FOR SICK PRISONERS BUT HAD DECIDED AGAINST IT BECAUSE THEY FEARED THAT A LATER INSPECTION OF CAMP RECORDS MIGHT SHOW THAT NONE OF THE AMERICANS HAD REALLY BEEN ILL. PRISONERS SAID THAT CAMP OFFICIALS EXPECT

THE AMERICANS TO BE RELEASED SOON AND TOLD THEM TO BRING ALL THEIR
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BELONGINGS TO MOSCOW IN CASE THEY WERE TO BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

2. DETAILS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS FOLLOW:

A. PAUL BRAWER EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW AND BECAME AGITATED WHEN HE DISCOVERED THAT CONSULAR ACCESS WAS THE ONLY PURPOSE OF THE MEETING. HE TOLD CONSOFF THAT SEVERAL THIRD COUNTRY PRISONERS HAD ARRIVED AND BEEN QUICKLY RELEASED DURING HIS ONE MONTH STAY AT CAMP AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN TOLD THAT EMBASSY HAD NOT YET OFFICIALLY REQUESTED HIS RELEASE. BRAWER TOLD CONSOFF THAT HE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED IF HIS FAMILY

AND THE EMBASSY APPEALED TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO BRAWER, CAMP AUTHORITIES EXPECT THE AMERICANS TO BE RELEASED SOON AND HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE NOT TO KEEP THE AMERICANS FOR LONG. BRAWER ASKED THAT CONSOFF CONTACT MRS. BRAWER AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY TO URGE THAT THEY INDIVIDUALLY APPEAL FOR HIS RELEASE. IF THIS DOES NOT WORK BY JANUARY 1, HE WANTS HIS WIFE TO ORGANIZE A CAMPAIGN ON HIS BEHALF BY TALKING WITH THE PRESS AND SENDING TELEGRAMS REQUESTING HELP TO ALL SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN. BRAWER ALSO REQUESTED TO SEE KGB MAJOR BELAYEV CHIEF INVESTIGATOR IN HIS CASE, WHOM BRAWER BELIEVES WILL BE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP HIM IN THE CASE.

CONSOFF NOTED THAT BRAWER HAS LOST SOME WEIGHT BUT APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. PSYCHOLOGICALLY, BRAWER APPEARED TO BE CONTINUING HIS FAMILIAR PATTERN OF ALTERNATING BETWEEN GOOD NATURED ACCEPTANCE OF HIS

SITUATION AND DEMANDS THAT POWERFUL OUTSIDE FORCES (I.E. THE EMBASSY OR EVEN THE KGB) EXTRICATE HIM FROM HIS IMPRISONMENT. HE IS RELYING ON HIS FAMILY SITUATION AND US-USSR "DETENTE" TO CONVINCE THE SOVIETS TO RELEASE HIM SOON.

B. GERALD AMSTER CONTINUES TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

AND HAS APPARENTLY DEVELOPED PHYSICAL PROBLEMS AS WELL. HE WALKED WITH A SLIGHT LIMP WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO LOWER BACK PAINS AND SCIATICA IN HIS LEFT LEG. AMSTER TOLD CONSOFF THAT HE HAS SEEN CAMP DOCTOR AND RECEIVED MEDICATION FOR TREATMENT OF HIS ASSORTMENT OF MINOR

MEDICAL PROBLEMS. WITH REGARD TO HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS,

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AMSTER STATED THAT HE IS SOMETIMES SUBJECT TO SEVERE DEPRESSION. BRAWER AND BURN CONFIRMED THAT AMSTER'S PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS APPEAR

TO BE GROWING MORE SEVERE. THEY STATED THAT HE HAD AWAKENED THE ENTIRE DORMITORY ONE NIGHT RECENTLY WHILE APPARENTLY HAVING A NOISY NIGHTMARE; HOWEVER, AMSTER HIMSELF HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF THE INCIDENT.

AT THE CLOSE OF MEETING WITH CONSOFF, AMSTER REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT INFORM MRS. DENSA THAT HE IS HOLDING UP WELL UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE ALSO ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT URGE MRS. DENSA AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS TO APPEAL FOR HIS RELEASE IMMEDIATELY. AMSTER ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY SUPPORT HIS FAMILY'S REQUEST FOR A PARDON.

C. DENNIS BURN, WHO HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY BRAWER, ALSO WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT HE WAS NOT BEING IMMEDIATELY RELEASED. HE COMPLAINED OF STOMACH PAINS WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED PRIMARILY TO BEING FORCED TO EAT BLACK BREAD. HE HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY PRISON DOCTOR AND HAS RECEIVED PILLS FOR HIS STOMACH PROBLEM. HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED NOSE DROPS FOR TREATMENT OF HIS SINUS CONDITION. DESPITE A VARIETY OF MINOR AILMENTS, BURN APPEARED TO BE IN RELATIVELY GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

BURN HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE LEAST OUTGOING OF THE THREE PRISONERS; HOWEVER, HE WAS DECIDEDLY LESS TACITURN IN REQUESTING THAT HIS FAMILY AND EMBASSY APPEAL FOR HIS RELEASE. HE ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT HIS SISTER, MARY BURN, TO URGE THAT HE IMMEDIATELY APPEAL TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR HIS RELEASE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SEVERAL FACTORS MIGHT INFLUENCE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO A REQUEST FROM FAMILY MEMBERS FOR PARDON ON BEHALF OF AMSTER, BRAWER AND BURN. THE PRIMARY SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN THE AFFAIR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN TO DISCOURAGE OTHER POTENTIAL WESTERN DRUG-TRAFFICKERS FROM ENTERING USSR AND TO CAPITALIZE ON THE OPPORTUNITY THE CASE PRESENTED FOR PROPAGANDA ABOUT THE DECADENCE OF THE WEST. THESE OBJECTIVES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE TRIAL, CONVICTION AND BRIEF STAY OF THE PRISONERS IN THE CAMP. MOREOVER, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ALMOST CERTAINLY DESIRE TO AVOID THE NEGATIVE PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD RESULT SHOULD ONE OF THE PRISONERS BECOME SERIOUSLY ILL OR DIE WHILE IN A SOVIET LABOR CAMP. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES MIGHT ALSO PERCEIVE A PARDON FOR THE ARRESTED AMERICANS AS A LOW-COST GESTURE DEMONSTRATING THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF DETENTE DURING THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

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IN WASHINGTON. AN APPEAL FOR A PARDON MADE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 COULD ALSO BE GRANTED AS A PART OF THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION. FINALLY, THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DUTCH AND WEST GERMANS WHO WERE RELEASED AFTER EIGHT MONTHS IMPRISONMENT DESPITE SENTENCES OF EIGHT-TEN YEARS MAY HAVE CREATED A PRECEDENT WHICH COULD BE HELPFUL TO THE AMERICAN PRISONERS.

4. WITH REGARD TO PRISONERS' REQUEST THAT USG OFFICIALLY SUPPORT THE IR

APPEALS, EMBASSY NOTES THAT BRAWER, BURN AND ARMSTER ARE GUILTY OF A SERIOUS CRIME FOR WHICH THEY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE RECEIVED LONG JAIL TERMS IN US OR OTHER OTHER WESTERN COUNTRY. MOREOVER, CONDITIONS IN THE CAMP TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CLEARLY ABYSMAL DIET, ARE PROBABLY COMPARABLE TO PRISON CONDITIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE ARE ALSO PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT, IF SOVIETS RESPOND FAVORABLY TO A USG APPEAL FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS AN IMPLICIT OBLIGATION TO RECIPROCATATE COULD BE CREATED - POSSIBLY IN A CASE WHERE WE WOULD BE UNABLY TO DO SO. EMBASSY IS ALSO MINDFUL OF THE CONTINUING USG COMMITMENT TO SUPPRESSION OF TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS AND OF THE DESIRABILITY OF ELICITING SOVIET COOPERATION IN THAT EFFORT.

5. ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS MUST ALSO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED. IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT USG APPEALS FOR RELEASE OF AMERICANS IMPRISONED ON DRUG CHARGES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WHEN REQUESTED TO DO BY PRISONERS' FAMILIES. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT CHANCES OF SERIOUS PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS AMONG THE PRISONERS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE IF THEIR IMPRISONMENT IS PROLONGED.

6. IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE REQUESTS OF ALL THREE PRISONERS THAT THEIR FAMILIES

IMMEDIATELY APPEAL FOR THEIR RELEASE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FAMILY MEMBERS SHOULD SEND LETTERS REQUESTING PARDON BOTH TO CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET PODGORNYY AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. IF DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT USG SHOULD SUPPORT PARDON REQUESTS, LETTERS ADDRESSED TO DOBRYNIN COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO SOVIET EMBASSY UNDER COVER OF A LETTER OR NOTE FROM DEPARTMENT ENDORSING THE APPEAL. EMBASSY COULD FORWARD LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PODGORNYY VIA MFA IN THE SAME MANNER. ALTERNATIVELY, REQUESTS FOR PARDON FROM FAMILIES COULD BE FORWARDED WITHOUT ENDORSEMENT OR SENT BY MAIL. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING APPROPRIATENESS OF USG ENDORSEMENT OF PARDON REQUESTS BY PRISONERS' FAMILIES.

7. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPECIATE RECEIVING PRESS GUIDANCE RE RELEASE OF DETAILS OF CONSULAR MEETING AS WELL AS USG ATTITUDE TOWARD PROSPECTIVE APPEALS BY PRISONERS' FAMILIES.
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